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CLAIMS

1. A scented pellet arranged to be added to the melt pool of a candle for introducing scent to the candle comprising a bulk material, a scent, and a coating, wherein the concentration of scent in the coating is less than the concentration of scent in the bulk material, and wherein the pellet is arranged to release the scent upon melting of the bulk material.
- 10 2. A pellet according to claim 1, wherein the bulk material comprises a wax.
- 15 3. A pellet according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the volume concentration of scent in the pellet is at least 3%.
4. A pellet according to claim 3, wherein the volume concentration of scent is at least 5%.
- 20 5. A pellet according to claim 3 or claim 4, wherein the volume concentration of scent is at least 10%.
6. A pellet according to any of claims 3 to 5, wherein the volume concentration of scent is at least 50%.
- 25 7. A pellet according to any preceding claim, wherein the scent is a perfume.
8. A pellet according to any of claims 1 to 6, wherein the scent is a fragrant oil.

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9. A pellet according to any preceding claim, wherein the bulk material and scent are mixed to form a solid at room temperature.
10. A pellet according to any of claims 1 to 8, wherein the bulk material and scent are mixed to form a paste at room temperature.
11. A pellet according to any of claims 1 to 9, wherein a mixture of bulk material and scent comprises foamed solid material at room temperature.
12. A pellet according to any of claims 1 to 8, wherein the pellet comprises a liquid scent core within a solid bulk material.
13. A pellet according to any preceding claim, wherein the bulk material contains a colourant.
14. A pellet according to any preceding claim, wherein the coating is made from wax.
15. A pellet according to any preceding claim, wherein the coating contains no scent.
16. A pellet according to any preceding claim, wherein the coating contains a colourant.
17. A pellet according to any preceding claim, wherein the diameter of the pellet is between 2mm and 30mm.
18. A pellet according to claim 17, wherein the diameter of the pellet is between 3mm and 20mm.

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19. A pellet according to any preceding claim, wherein the pellet comprises any one of a sphere, cylinder, cube, tear-drop, disc, horse-shoe, cigar shape or any other suitable ergonomic shape.

5 20. A pellet according to any preceding claim, wherein the pellet is shaped such that the wick of a candle can pass inside its outer bounding perimeter.

10 21. A pellet according to any preceding claim, wherein the melting temperature of the bulk material is in the range of 40°C to 90°C.

22. A pellet according to any preceding claim, wherein the melting temperature of the bulk material is in the range of 55°C to 90°C.

15 23. A pellet according to any preceding claim, wherein the outer surface of the pellet is treated to reduce the porosity of the pellet.

20 24. A pellet according to any preceding claim, wherein the outer surface of the pellet is treated to increase the mechanical strength of the pellet.

25 25. A pellet according to any preceding claim, wherein the bulk material further comprises additives to increase the uptake of scent.

26. A pellet according to any preceding claim, wherein the bulk material further comprises additives to increase the hardness of the bulk material.

30 27. A method of introducing scent to a candle, the method comprising the step of adding one or more scented pellets to the melt pool formed around the wick of a lit candle.

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28. A method according to claim 27, further comprising the step of allowing the one or more pellets to melt in the melt pool of the candle, facilitating release of the scent.

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29. A method according to claim 28, wherein scent is released by the motion of convection currents established in the melt pool of the candle.

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